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uses of the system. Further, no system of records is exempted from the requirements of the Act unless it is determined that to do so is in the best interest of the government with due concern for individual rights.

§ 10.5 Definitions.

Unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply in this part:

Administrator means the head of an operating administration and includes the Under Secretary for Security and the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Department means the Department of Transportation, including the Office of the Secretary, the Office of Inspector General, and the following operating administrations: This definition specifically excludes the Surface Transportation Board, which has its own Privacy Act regulations (49 CFR Part 1007), except to the extent that any system of records notice provides otherwise.

- (a) The United States Coast Guard.
- (b) The Federal Aviation Administration.
- (c) The Federal Highway Administration.
- (d) The Federal Railroad Administration.
- (e) The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- (f) Federal Transit Administration.
- (g) The St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.
- (h) The Research and Special Programs Administration.
- (i) Bureau of Transportation Statistics.
- (j) Maritime Administration.
- (k) Transportation Security Administration.

General Counsel means the General Counsel of the Department.

Includes means “includes but is not limited to;”

Individual means a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted;

Maintain includes maintain, collect, use, or disseminate;

May is used in a permissive sense to state authority or permission to do the act prescribed;

Record means any item, collection, or grouping of information about an indi-

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vidual that is maintained by the Department including, but not limited to, education, financial transactions, medical history, and criminal or employment history and that contains the name of, or an identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to, the individual, such as a finger or voice print or a photograph;

Secretary means the Secretary of Transportation or any person to whom has been delegated authority in the matter concerned;

System of records means a group of any records under the control of the Department from which information is retrieved by the name of the individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual;

Statistical record means a record in a system of records maintained for statistical research or reporting purposes only and not in whole or in part in making any determination about an identifiable individual, except as provided by section 8 of title 13, United States Code; and

Routine use means, with respect to the disclosure of a record, the use of such record for a purpose which is compatible with the purpose for which it was collected.

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Subpart B—General

§ 10.11 Administration of part.

Authority to administer this part in connection with the records of the Office of the Secretary is delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Administration. Authority to administer this part in connection with records in each operating administration is delegated to the Administrator concerned. An Administrator may redelegate to officers of that administration the authority to administer this part in connection with defined systems of records. An Administrator, however, may redelegate his or her duties under subparts F and G of this part only to his or her deputy and to not more than one other officer who reports directly to the Administrator and who is located at the headquarters of that administration or at the same

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location as the majority of that administration's systems of records.

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§ 10.13 Privacy Act Officer.

(a) To assist with implementation, evaluation, and administration issues, the Chief Information Officer appoints a principal coordinating official with the title Privacy Act Officer, and one Privacy Act Coordinator from his/her staff.

(b) Inquiries concerning Privacy Act matters, or requests for assistance, may be addressed to the Privacy Act Officer (S-80), Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590.

(c) Administrators may designate Privacy Act Officers or Coordinators to act as central coordinators within their administrations to assist them in administering the Act.

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§ 10.15 Protection of records.

(a) No person may, without permission, remove any record made available for inspection or copying under this part from the place where it is made available. In addition, no person may steal, alter, mutilate, obliterate, or destroy, in whole or in part, such a record.

(b) Section 641 of title 18 of the United States Code provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

Whoever * * * steals, purloins, or knowingly converts to his use or the use of another, or without authority, sells, conveys or disposes of any record * * * or thing of value of the United States or of any department or agency thereof * * * shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than 10 years or both; but if the value of such property does not exceed the sum of \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year or both * * *.

(c) Section 2071 of title 18 of the United States Code provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

Whoever willfully and unlawfully conceals, removes, mutilates, obliterates, or destroys, or attempts to do so, or with intent to do so takes and carries away any record, proceeding, map, book, paper, document, or other thing, filed or deposited * * * in any

public office, or with any * * * public officer of the United States, shall be fined not more than \$2,000 or imprisoned not more than 3 years, or both.

Subpart C—Maintenance of Records

§ 10.21 General.

Except to the extent that a system of records is exempt in accordance with subpart G of this part, the Department, with respect to each system of records:

(a) Maintains in its records only such information about an individual as is relevant and necessary to accomplish a purpose of the Department required to be accomplished by statute or by executive order of the President;

(b) Collects information to the greatest extent practicable directly from the subject individual when the information may result in adverse determinations about an individual's rights, benefits, or privileges under Federal programs;

(c) Informs each individual whom it asks to supply information, on the form which it uses to collect the information or on a separate form that can be retained by the individual of:

(1) The authority (whether granted by statute, or by executive order of the President) which authorizes the solicitation of the information and whether disclosure of such information is mandatory or voluntary;

(2) The principal purpose or purposes for which the information is intended to be used;

(3) The routine uses, as published pursuant to paragraph (d)(4) of this section, which may be made of the information; and

(4) The effects, if any, on the individual of not providing all or any part of the requested information;

(d) Publishes in the FEDERAL REGISTER at least annually a notice of the existence and character of the system of records, including:

(1) The name and location of the system;

(2) The categories of individuals on whom records are maintained in the system;

(3) The categories of records maintained in the system;